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point is we keep giving law enforcement duties to do. We keep distracting them, and I'm not saying that wasn't a good thing for us to do, it was. But we keep giving them things to do, and expecting them to carry on with their ordinary, not run of the mill functions, but their normal kinds of activities, and yet we also expect them to do all of this bureaucratic stuff. And I submit to you that it is going to take a lot of time, and it is going to take a lot of personnel to do this. And I don't care how you decide what it's going to cost, it's going to cost in terms of time on the part of law enforcement officials. So I would encourage you to think about the Chambers amendment. you don't like \$450, I'm sure he's going to offer \$400 then next, or \$350, or whatever. A hundred dollars isn't much in this day and age, when you think about it. So I just, once again, want to encourage you to support the Chambers amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

Mr. President, members of the Legislature, SENATOR CHAMBERS: and Senator Schimek, your remarks, if they were not heard by everybody on the floor, are a matter of record, and I think they are very appropriate. My seatmate, a member of the culture corner, prevailed upon the Judiciary Committee, of which I'm a member and I voted for it, to advance a bill that would authorize and require a thorough study of the activities of the State Patrol to see what kinds of things have, just through a process of accretion, come upon them as duties to perform, and to look at what they really ought to be doing. Now we have an additional responsibility, which, as Senator Schimek has been demonstrating, is going to take considerable time. may be no way, realistically, to implement the terms of this bill, should it become law. But those who want this bill don't care about any of that. Senator Janssen, some of the other senators, maybe Schellpeper, had thought the \$500 application fee was too steep. Some people may not be able to afford...may be able to afford to pay it. My view on that is that the \$500 fee was really not high enough. But those who cannot afford to pay that fee will not be packin' a pistol pursuant to a license. Those who can pay that fee are too smart to pay it, so they would not get one of these licenses. And it would have the